By "Bud" Fish

Denver Writer Says 1913 Was Somewhat Disappointing in Football.

TOO MANY GREEN MEN

Practically Every Coach Confronted With Serious Problem; Gives Utah Credit.

With few exceptions, the season of 1918 in Rocky mountain conference football was void of any special features, says. Pyke Johnson in the Denver News. Taken in comparison with the games of a year before, this year's contests were decidedly mediocre, and, if anything, the general methods obtaining showed a tendency to ultraconservatism which robbed the sport of many of its more interesting sidelights. The condition is not to be taken as a positive indication that the game is losing interest, but may be ascribed, in the main, to three sound reasons:

In the first place, this year was the first of the six-year non-competitive schedule, which has been inaugurated

schedule, which has been inaugurated by the conference. All the elevens shortened their schedules somewhat, and Denver fans were left without contests on several dates. Next year there will be many more games in this city. Second, the weather was bad in several instances. In three games that the writer witnessed, and in probably one or two others, the gridirons were so slow that it was almost impossible for the elevens to use anything but straight football of the most elementary character. This drawback will be lessened somewhat in the future by more frequent use of the Union park gridiron, which has been prepared especially with a view to quick drainage. Third, and possibly most important of all, veteran material was greatly in the minority on all squads. Usually there are two or three elevens which go into a season with a good nucleus of experienced men.

supporters of the contending elevens there has been reason for dissatisfaction. This would seem to be more due to the present scoring rules than to our own particular coaches.

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Then, again, despite the cutting down of the field goal, it now seems apparent that this score is too highly rated in football.

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A field goal counts just half as much as a touchdown at the present time, yet it gives the eleven with a good dropkicker a 50 per cent better chance

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CONFERENCE SEASON Home Looked Pretty Good to Them

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Colorado college had some of the
finest material of the season, but they
got away to a slow start and were apparently unable to get under way until
the finish. The offense was strong individually, and the same was true of
the line. A majority of them, however,
were new men, and apparently they did
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trouble was with the Aggies. The
cleven was powerful physically, and
played a fighting game to the finish,
but in its big games it lacked the
punch necessary to victory. Perhaps
lack of preliminary school preparation
had something to do with it, but the
men did not show as well as a team as
their statistics would indicate that
they should.

Gives Utah Praise.

Both of these elevens will be strong next year if present indications remain true when the fall term opens.

Coach Bennion of Utah had a green squad with the exception of three men. Two of these were barred for breaking training and a third could not bear the entire burden. The team had a badly grranged schedule to overcome, but despite this, they showed a steady improvement which left them at their strongest at the season's close.

Denver went into hattle with the weakest squad in some years. Material was scarce and much of what there was, was green. Even then the eleven might have done letter than it did had it not been handleapped by a poor athletic system. One man was called upon to handle coaching, management and other departments and under such a system there must be some loser.

The eleven played gamely, but there is little more that can be said save that they have a freshman squad at the varsity which the regulars were hard pressed to hold in check.

This in itself could not be objectionable were it not that ability to drop field goals does not in itself denote all round football ability. It is merely the ability of one specially trained man in one department of the game, yet it counts half as much as the ability of the entire opposing eleven.

Further, it is possible for almost any eleven to get a ball down to the forty-yard line. Here the drop kick is comparatively easy. But bucking from the forty-yard line to the goal is a different proposition. Then the defense tightens allround knowledge of football to gain from that point.

There should be more of a pramium placed upon this kind of playing and less on the foot of one man, who not infrequently is called in from the side-lines for just one kick, and is then yanked out to allow a superior allround man to take his place.

The change in rales permitting a man to go back into the game has favored the drop kick to an extraôrdicary extent, and there should be some restriction made of it or else a decided cutting down in the value of the play.

Green Men Numerous.

Looking over the linearys which compared the teams this year, the writer first extens this year, the writer first extens this year, the writer first extens this year, the writer first that with one exception, all of the coaches were confronted with the necessity of holding his backs to simple styles of attack if he desires to be sure of his results. If he desires to be sure of his results, if he desires to be such as the heads are to have been good to be such as the heads of heads and he desires to have been good considering the delivers in the critical games.

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The Cornell team of 1890 was very weak compared to the Yale eleven that faced Harvard on November 22 of this year. The Crimson combination defeate ed the Ithaca team of 1890, 77 to 0, and Trafford kicked behind a defense that was never tried in the manner that the Harvard eleven of 1913 was while holding back the Elis who aimed to block Brickley's kicks. Trafford, never hurried at any time, kicked five drop-kick field goals out of seven attempts from the thirty and thirty-five yard lines, averaging thirty-three yards for all five. Brickley scored from the twenty-four, thirty-eight, thirty and twenty-two yard lines and his placement goal was made thirty-nine yards from the Yale bar, This was a total distance of 155 yards and averaged thirty-one yards per kick.

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Other football records which have been reported as broken this season include the long field run and high score, but in neither case do the 1913 performances rank with those of other games. The longest run of football fa credited to Walter Eckersall of the University of Chicago team, who ran 106 yards in the game of 1904 against Wisconsin. Eckersall caught the ball on a kickoff and ran from virtually his own goal line across Wisconsin's at the other end of the field, passing the entire Badger eleven in his dight. The record run from scrimmage is held by H. M. Coleman of Wisconsin, who picked up the ball on a fumble in the Minnesota game of 1891 and ran 105 yards for a touchdown.

There have been an unusual number of big scores rolled up during the 1913 season, and several of these have been asserted to be records. Evansville, Ind. high school 183 to 0 on September 37: Oklalioma A. and M. college defeated Phillips university 112 to 3 on October 18; the University of Louisville defeated Washington college 100 to 0 on October 18; washington and Jefferson defeated Grove City 100 to 0 on November 1, and Gallaudet defeated Baitimore college 103 to 0. These high scores do not exceed some of the big totals made by famous eastern gridfron machines of past years, all things considered. Princeton scored 140 to 0 against Lafayette in 1880 and Yale defeated Wesleyan 130 to 0 in 1886. Some years ago the University of Butfalo by a score running into three figures to nothing. Coach "Hurry-up" Yost tells an amusing story in connection with this game.

Enough Is Enough.

The contest was specially arranged and held during the Buffalo exposition of 1901. Yost brought his famous "point-a-minute" machine from Michigan and the Wolverines proceeded to score touchdowns on almost every play. Buffalo had but eighteen players in the squad, and soon all were badly used up. In order to continue it was necessary to relay these men. It was against the rules of those days to return a player to the game once he had been taken out, but Yost agreed to waive this rule under the con-

Mrs. Britton EXCEEDED IN 1890 Lets Huggins Run Team

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CONNIE ONCE TRIED TO LOSE BOB SHAWKEY

The story has often been told about Connie Mack endeavoring to trade Catcher Schang for Pitcher Paddy Green, a Yankee recruit but it is not generally known that Pitcher Bob Shawkey was practically forced upon the lean leader of the word's champions.

Shawkey was tipped off to Johnny Evers, manager of the Cubs. Manager Dunn of Baltimore in fact, was one who urged Evers to buy his right-hander but Evers bethought blin that Connie Mackhad an interest in the Baltimore team. So he mused thusty:

"No manager in the country is in greater need of pitchers than Connie Mack. Now, if this man Shawkey is so good, why does not Connie take him? If Shawkey is not good enough for the Athletics, I don't think he is good enough for the Cubs. I'll pass him up."

No other big league manager seemed to care for the Baltimore pitcher, and finally when Mack saw that Shawkey might go for the draft price of \$2500 he decided to pull him over to Philadelphila.

ditions. Late in the game he saw a form huddled up under a Michigan blanket on his side line, and fearing that one of his men had been hurt, Yost went over and lifted the blanket. Underneath lay a Buffalo uniformed player.
"Get over on your own side of the field," said Yost. "This is Michigan territory."

"Not for a thousand dollars," replied the player. "If I go back they will put me in the same sgain, and I've been in and out five times now. I know when I've got enough if you don't."

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As every one knows, Rickey is receiving pay from a major league club owner. That alone puts him on the other side of the fence when it comes to arguing the Federal league question. Second. Rickey says the national commission will not tolerate the Federals if the latter become friendly with any of the major league players and invite them to play ball. Rickey says that every player with any sense should know better than to get into trouble with the national commission. Besides all this, Rickey gives various other reasons why major league players should think twice before they leap into the Federals. Says Rickey:

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With the Players.

I want it understood that I am with the players in whatever they do that I think will be of benefit to them, provided the demand is reasonable. If a player is offered more money by an opposition league and he feels ceretain that he is taking the right step by jumping, then, I say, let him jump. I also wish it understood that I will not try to prevent any of my playby jumping, then, I say, let him jump, I also wish it understood that I will not try to prevent any of my players from lining up with the Federals. That is their business, not mine. What's more, if there are any players on my club who have signed contracts with the Federals, or who intend doing so without letting either Mr. Hedges or myself know of their intentions, I will say without fear or favor that it would not make me feel bad in the least, as I would not want to have such men on my ball club. In my opinion, it would be a case of separating the sheep from the goats. Young players take a tremendous chance by signing contracts with teams not operating under the national agreement. Supposing that the Federals offer some youth in either the National or American league a big boost in salary and the proposition is accepted. Then supposing after the first year the Federal league club owner, having experienced a bad season financially decides to cut off a large silice of this player's selery club owner, having experienced a bad season financially decides to cut off a large silice of this player's salary. What is the young man going to do it a case of this kind? He can play ball at the reduced salary, or perhaps he can apply to some of the other seven managers for a position.

Chances Curtailed.

Remember, he is in the Federal league, an organization that has only eight clubs. Now had this same player remained in the majors he could, when his manager decided to turn him back request that he be sent to any one of a thousand different ball clubs, where the general conditions would undoubtedly have proved far more pleasing.

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I have heard a great deal about Baumgardner jumping to the Federals. Just put it down as a safe betthat Baumgardner could not be dragged away from the American league by a team of oxen. It is really very easy for me to see through all this talk of the players jumping to the Federals. They are simply

MES. KATHERINE H. BRITTON Browns' Manager Says Young Veteran Likely to Leave Task Some of Them Have Bed of Rescuing Giants

to Others.

Branch Rickey, manager of the Browns, says that he is not in the least worded about any of his ball players having signed contracts with the Federal league, and, he added, neither is Mr. Hedges worrying over the matter. Fact of the matter is, Branch Rickey does not think very well of the Federal league and he fails to understand why any young man of ability would care to take a chance of jumping to the baby baseball organization. In speaking of the Federal league, remainded the control of the matter is a chance of jumping to the baby baseball organization. In speaking of the Federal league, and he fails to understand why any young man of ability would care to take a chance of jumping to the baby baseball organization. In speaking of the Federal league, and he fails to understand why any young man of ability would care to take a chance of jumping to the baby baseball organization. In speaking of the Federal league, and he fails to understand why any young man of ability would care to take the baby baseball organization. In speaking of the Federal league, and he fails to understand why any young man of ability would care to take the big show. He does not relish the big show are to take a member of the Giants or any other than "Old Doc" himself. He can afford to quit, and he intends quietly to afface himself from the big show. He does not relish the big show are to any other than "Old Doc" himself. He can afford to quit, and he intends quietly to afface himself from the big show. He does not relish the big show are to a possible the following:

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Take a player like Tommy Leach or even George Stovail. Both these men have been in the majors for a good many years. No doubt they both figure they have seen their best days in the big leagues, and that under these circumstances it would be an unwise move, in fact, little short of a crime not to accept a bundle of coin from the Federals. Any man would be feolish not to jump at a proposition of this kind. But for the young man who seeks to build up a future and also earn a fortune, providing he proves capable, I say stick to the majors and make the test of his opportunities.

As I said before, neither Mr. Hedges nor myself are worrying about any of the players lumping, and neither is any other big league club owner. If the Federals intend to gather in any players who have been signed, or who are on the reservation lists, they will only pave the way for a lot of trouble. In order to accompiles anything they will have to carry the fight to the big leagues, which cleans that the new organization will need considerable money. As every one knows, but the American and National leagues have sing sums stored away for purposes. And according to a recent rule adopted by the national commission, the question than to be determined is the survival of the fittest.

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